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as one of the
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in US News and
World Report!**

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Band,
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Class of 2018 Leaders

Maddie Fightmaster has been Class President for all four years of high school. She has also been a cheerleader for six years, a member of National Honor Society, and she is treasurer of Interact. She has been a student volunteer at Affinity Medical Center and has also served the Ronald McDonald House and her community through the Interact club. She has been employed at the Canal Fulton Public Library for almost two years. Maddie tries to be a role model by being kind and respectful to everyone, hoping others will follow her lead. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to enjoy high school while you can: "I didn't believe anyone when they said it would go in a blink of any eye, but it does for sure!"



and his school clubs, and he has been employed by Classic Pools for four years. Ethan aims to lead by example, and he is not afraid to stand up and express his opinions. He sees leadership during high school as paramount—peer views are powerful and setting an example of integrity is important. He admits that it sounds cliché, but he advises younger students to enjoy high school years and don't be afraid to try new things. Ethan wants to especially thank Mr. Johnson who is an amazing teacher, person, and friend. He truly encourages his students to be better people inside and outside of class.

Gina Hoffman is president of Interact, a student council representative, a member of National Honor Society, a member of Pep Club, and is a majorette and a bassoon player in the Northwest Band. She spends time in the community volunteering at the Northwest Senior Center, mentoring third graders, and teaching young girls baton and dance. She is employed by Elm Ridge Party Center. Gina strives to show others the value of teamwork, hard work, and helping others. She also wants to stress that patience, determination, and hard work can help anyone succeed, and that practice is never easy. Mrs. Marcy McKendry, the school counselor at Stinson, helped Gina to break out of her shell and make friends and inspired Gina to become a school counselor.



Jordan Miller is President of National Honor Society. She is also vice president of Interact, a member of the varsity softball and volleyball teams, and an office worker. Through her clubs, she is involved in multiple service initiatives. One of the highlights of her high school career was going on a mission trip with her travel softball team. As a leader, Jordan tries to encourage others to stand up for injustice, serve those in need, and make people feel valuable. Her advice to younger students? "Be yourself and hold onto every moment of high school because it goes so fast." She believes that Mrs. Baer's compassion and generosity have inspired her to be a better person because Mrs. Baer genuinely loves her job as well as every student.



Ethan Lower is President of Choir, Vice President of National Honor Society, captain of Academic Challenge, and a Student Council Representative. He is actively involved in soccer, Kokapelli, and aspires to be a lead in the musical. He volunteers in his community through his church



Kendall Schenz is Student Council President. She is also actively involved in National Honor Society, cheerleading, and Pep club. She is an asset to her community where she volunteers at youth cheer camp, Vacation Bible School, the "Making Strides" Breast Cancer Walk, the Kevin Peck Memorial 5k, and towpath cleanups. Kendall tries to be a role model by spreading positivity. Younger students look up to you, even if you don't always know it! She encourages



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From left: Steve Jones, John Hexamer, Rita Gearhart, Board President Bruce Beadle and Vice-President Jim Gindlesberger.

Curriculum News

Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

Northwest 2017 District State Report Card

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released the 2017 Ohio School Report Cards for districts and schools in September. The state report card provides the district and community with a snapshot of the progress our students are making in mastering the state academic content standards as well as a comparison to their peers across the state. There are six broad categories that are reported on the state report card including:

- **Achievement Component** – How many students earned a score of proficient or higher on the annual state assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies?
- **Gap Closing Component** – How well is the district closing the achievement gap in certain groups, based on socio-economic status, ethnicity, and disabilities?
- **Progress Component** – How much academic progress did our students make over the course of a school year?
- **Graduation Rate Component** – What is the percentage of students who graduate from high school within four or five years of starting high school?
- **Prepared for Success Component** – How well are we preparing our high school students for college and/or careers?
- **K-3 Literacy Component** – How successful is the district in getting struggling readers back on track by the end of third grade?

Letter grades are assigned to each component as well as subsections in each component area. An “A” reflects that the students exceeded the expectations for the component while a “C” indicates students have met the expectations for the component.

The Northwest 2017 State Report Card reflects the following grades for each component:

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| • Achievement Component – C | • Graduation Rate Component – A |
| • Gap Closing Component – B | • Prepared for Success Component – D |
| • Progress Component – B | • K-3 Literacy Component – C |

While the majority of the district component grades indicated, our students were meeting the state standards, there are areas that we need to continue to focus on improving. The administrative team and staff members are working to address any areas of concern. A link to the district report card is available on the district

website under the academic’s pull-down menu. Questions regarding the district’s state report card results should be directed to Dr. Mike Shreffler, Superintendent, or Debora Clark, Director of Instruction at (330) 854-2291.

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Reading is a critical academic skill for all students and the major focus of our K-3 curriculum. Northwest uses the NWEA MAP reading and mathematics assessments to monitor the progress of our students. The MAP assessments are administered three times per academic year (fall, winter, and spring). The data gathered from this tool enables teachers to identify critical areas of need, adjust instructional practices, and provide reading and mathematics interventions as needed.

Ohio’s Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG) requires that all third-grade students obtain a minimum promotion score on the state reading test to move on to fourth grade. For the 2017-2018 school year, the TGRG promotion score is a 672. **Any student who scores a 672 or higher on the grade 3 English language arts assessment will be eligible for promotion at the end of the year.**

The reading sub-score of the grade 3 English language arts test is based on the reading items only. The reading sub-score is on a two-digit scale, so it is not confused with the three-digit scale used for measuring a student’s performance on all of the English language arts standards. Under the exemption to the third-grade retention for students who demonstrate reading competency on an alternative reading assessments, **students who score 44 or higher on the reading sub-score of the grade 3 English language arts assessment will be eligible for promotion at the end of the year.**

Our third-grade students will take the state ELA assessment in November, and their scores will be reviewed as soon as they arrive. Students will have a second opportunity to attain a passing score during the spring administration of the Grade 3 ELA test in April. The results of the spring test will be released by June 30, 2018.

The TGRG legislation also permits a district to administer an alternate assessment. Northwest’s progress monitoring tool is on the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE) approved list. The district administers the progress-monitoring tool three times per academic school year (fall, winter, and spring). **Any third grader who does not pass the state’s ELA assessment but obtains 196 or higher on the MAP reading assessment will be considered for promotion to fourth grade.**

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New Faces in the District

Maria Beery: HS English

Maria comes to Northwest after two years teaching middle and high school English and leadership at St. Ursula Academy in Toledo. Before that she lived in New York City for ten years where she worked as a drama/performing arts teacher, director and department chair. She is thrilled to be back in Northeast Ohio where she first developed her love of theatre and English . . . and is even more excited to be directing one of her favorite musicals, *Les Miserables*, with the energetic and creative students at Northwest.



Lisa Burg: HS/MS Psychologist

Lisa earned a bachelor's degree from Ashland University, and a master's degree from Cleveland State University. She previously worked as a School Psychologist in Canton City Schools. She lives in Canton with her husband and two daughters. Lisa's first job after college afforded her the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica and Peru and she hopes to take many more trips to South America and Europe someday!



Conner Busby: MS Vocal Music

Conner graduated from Marietta College with degrees in Economics and Music. He recently completed a degree in Music Education with an emphasis on choral music. During his time in Marietta, he held leadership positions on campus and received academic scholarships through both the Department of Business and Economics and the Herman Fine Arts Music Department. This is his first year of teaching.



Cara Crawford: HS Family Consumer Science

Cara graduated from Northwest in 2012. She graduated from The University of Akron in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. She came back to Northwest last spring as a long-term substitute and is excited to have been hired on full time this school year! An interesting fact about Cara is that she has visited six different countries in Europe.



Barbara Krajcovic: MS Intervention Specialist Tutor

Barbara graduated from Muskingum University with a master's degree in Education as an Intervention Specialist. While attending college, she worked at Altitude Career Tech & Wellness Academy in the Canton City School District as their Computer Lab Assistant. She is looking forward to getting to know the students and assisting them in growing academically.



Jill Maculaitis: HS E-Learning

Jill is a Northwest graduate. She earned her bachelor's degree from The University of Akron in Education and her master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction from The University of Cincinnati. She also has a Graduate Certificate in Blended & Online Learning. She has been teaching for 10 years. Jill loves helping students feel and be successful and is looking forward to a great year!



Matthew McHam: NWP Title 1 Tutor

Matthew earned his Master of Education degree and K-12 Reading Endorsement from John Carroll University. He taught first grade at a Cleveland charter school, and then for the past two years was a Title I Reading /General Tutor at Liberty Preparatory School in Smithville. He looks forward to being back with the younger students and watching "the light bulb turn on" when they learn to overcome obstacles that they have in reading.



Erin Miller: NWP IDEA Tutor

Erin graduated from Jackson High School and Walsh University. She has been a stay-at-home mother of three children, and this is her first teaching position. Erin is looking forward to getting to know everyone in the district!



Jennifer Murray: HS Spanish

Jennifer graduated from Mount Union with a teaching degree in Spanish and English. She has taught for West Muskingum Schools, Independence Schools, CoG Academy, and Steel Academy. She currently shares her day with Manchester Schools and Northwest High and Middle Schools. She loves being back in the Spanish classroom and particularly enjoys her new helpful colleagues and energetic students.



John Storm: HS Spanish

John earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish Teaching from Brigham Young University. He taught a year of middle school Spanish in Virginia, and returned to BYU for a master's degree in Spanish Pedagogy. Afterwards, he went to Purdue University for his doctoral studies in Foreign Language Education. He has been teaching Spanish for 20 years now. John is delighted to be able to return to Ohio to teach Spanish in this terrific community and school!



**New classified staff to be included in the next issue.*

Curriculum continued from page 2

While the district ensures that we meet all of the requirements of the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee legislation, our main focus is to ensure that our students develop strong reading skills and that they are able to apply those skills to all academic content areas. A student may obtain the necessary score to be promoted to fourth grade and still not be considered proficient. **A student is considered "proficient" in reading if they obtain an overall score of 700 on the third grade state English language arts assessment.** If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please contact their classroom teacher or building principal.

District Staff Focusing on Professional Growth

Henry Ford believed that anyone who stops learning is old, whether twenty or eighty, and the greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. On September 1, the administrators, teachers, and tutors participated in professional development aligned with the district's five-year professional development (PD) plan. Research has shown that a student's academic success is significantly impacted by the relationships they form with the adults in their lives. Staff members were asked to examine their own beliefs, values, and perspectives to understand how these areas impact the decisions they make as an instructional leader. Additional professional growth opportunities will be provided throughout the years that focus on building relationships to ensure student success.



Backpack Drive 2017 Another Year of Generosity

Northwest Schools and Bountiful Gifts partnered together to supply 145 students with the school supplies and backpacks needed to start the school year. Many area churches, businesses, and individuals contributed to the successful backpack drive. This is the third year that the program has aided Northwest students and families. Thanks to all who were involved in this important community effort!!



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High School News

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underclassmen to get involved. "You're never too cool to join clubs and participate in activities. High School goes by faster than you think!"

Andrew Trewin is Captain of the Northwest varsity football team and a member of the track team. He tries to be a role model by earning good grades, listening to teachers, and staying out of trouble. Andrew balances his athletic and academic schedule with a work schedule, as well; he has been employed by Cage Gear and Machine, LLC for almost two years. He wants to set a good example for younger students and would advise them to "be a leader yourself—to lead by example the way you behave each and every day." Andrew credits Coach Harbour as a strong influence who has taught him to keep a level head and work through challenges.



Mackenzie Woodrum is President of Teen Institute. She is also actively involved in Kokapelli, Chorale, Women's Chorus, and Soccer. In the community, she is a Sunday School teacher and a youth group member at First Baptist Church of Jackson. She tries to be a role model for younger kids, realizing that older teens need to be careful of all that they say and do as younger students are always watching. She encourages others to do the right thing to set a positive example. She advises younger students to "join all the clubs that you can! You will get most of your memories from there." Senorita Thomas had a big influence on Mackenzie, teaching her to work hard but still have fun.



Olivia Wyles made history at Northwest by being the first female to score a point for the football team. Olivia is a kicker for the football team, and she is also a soccer player and a member of Interact. She is active in her church as a youth group member and a Sunday school helper. She is employed by Dairy Queen in Jackson. Olivia strives to be kind to others, follow God as best she can, and mentor other girls with Alopecia. Her advice to freshmen? "Life's too short to be anyone but yourself. Don't get caught up in trying to be popular. By the time you're a junior or senior, no one really cares about that anymore anyways." Olivia would like to thank both Mrs. Huscusson and Mr. Johnson for making time for their students in the tough subjects that they teach. She credits them with making her a harder worker.



New Intervention Program at the High School

This year, for the first time, freshmen and sophomores arrive at school 30 minutes prior to juniors and seniors. This thirty minutes allows us to move closer to our goal of ensuring success for EVERY child. The majority of intervention time is spent improving students' thinking and writing skills simultaneously through the use of the Collin's Writing program. This program is based on three essential principles and is a proven writing-across-the-curriculum model that works for all students, in all subject areas, at all grade levels. In addition to improving writing skills, our teachers use this time monitoring our underclassmen to ensure they are prepared each and every day to do their best. They utilize this time to conference with students, inform them of their progress in each of their classes, identify missing assignments, and most importantly, be a mentor for his or her students as the year progresses.

2017 Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates



(l to r): **Cecelia Crookston**, **Gina Hoffman**, **Olivia Wyles**, **Kendall Schenz**, **Ethan Lower**, **Dion Morris-Evans**.

Each year, a few junior girls and junior boys earn the high honor of being selected to participate in the Buckeye Boys or Buckeye Girls State program, an eight-day, hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic government. This year, Buckeye Boys State was held June 11-18 at Miami University. Girls State was held June 10-17 at Mount Union. Joining students from nearly 600 Ohio high schools, these Northwest students expanded their leadership skills; learned about city, county, and state government; experienced living on a college campus; and formed friendships and networks that may last a lifetime. Each year, Northwest students are generously sponsored by the American Legion, Massillon Post No. 221.



(l to r): **Ashton Nair** (Freshman), **Cailin Chumita** (Sophomore), **Anna Henry** (Senior), **Olivia Wyles** (Queen), **Madison Fightmaster** (Senior), **Jordan Miller** (Senior), **Rachel Ross** (Junior).

Northwest Indians Marching Band



(l to r) Front Row: **Ariana Negulis, Ariabella Stewart, Sarah Hughes, Shiann Jansen, Mahlee Evans, Cassie McKelroy, Halee Monteneri**; Row 2: **Micayla Smith, Allison Kerns, Ashley Owsiany, Abbie Howard, Kairalee Zito, Nikki Campbell, Macie Cargould, Kailee, Corinne Donohue**; Row 3: **Gina Hoffman, Avery Brockmeyer, Vivian Freeman, Julie Durachinsky, Harlie Ferrebee, Dylan Haines, Becca Schaub, Allison Giroux, Bailey Smith**; Row 4: **JT Friedrichsen, Anne Durkin, Natalie Feaser, Kiersten Lawrence, Malia Hamad, Jed Stewart, Ian Donohue, Klave Gauder, Hailey Armstrong, Kassidy Dagnen, Kelsey Lawrence**; Row 5: **Hannah Knight, Michael Doherty, Jacob Greene, Nick Speight, Karissa Norton, Chelsea Fimple, Richard Hanus, Collin Brockmeyer, Seth Ray, Caleb Gramse-Halpin, Emily Sullivan**; Row 6: **Assistant Director Kimberly Good, Garrett Johson, Director Michelle Riendeau, Rachel Finefrock, and Majorette Advisor Julie McLaughlin.**

Music and Memories

Under the leadership of Michelle Riendeau, director, and Kimberly Good, assistant director, the Northwest Marching Indians have been off to a very busy season. They've performed at the Canal Day's Parade, Stark County Fair, the Northwest Fall Sports Scrimmage, and the University of Akron High School Band Day show to name a few. Currently, they are planning the first ever Northwest Band Show here at Smilek Stadium on Saturday, October 21.

The main focus for band members this year has been on taking ownership. The student leaders have been given more responsibilities this year and are encouraged to have a healthy sense of pride for the hard work that goes into the band. The seniors in particular have played a large role in wanting to help make Northwest bands flourish. Together, they are working on a "legacy project," coming up with ideas to recruit future members including mentoring middle school band students, seeking new performance opportunities including the fifth-grade band, and redecorating the music showcases in Stinson and the Middle School.

Current band members also mentor younger Northwest students. Future majorettes and future marching Indians

were featured on Friday, September 15, as eighth-grade band members and the participants of mini Majorette camp took to the field.

Band members know that all of their hard work is worthwhile. Beyond the music, these dedicated students gain valuable leadership and teamwork experiences as well as friendships and memories that will serve them for years to come.



Mentoring majorettes.

Calendar of Events

- Oct 21 Band Show
@Smilek Stadium
- Nov 10 Veteran's Day Assembly 10 am
@Puffenberger Hall
- Nov 30 Community Competition. 7 pm
vs. Manchester's band
@Progressive Auto Massillon
- Dec 2 Christmas Parade..... 4:45 pm
@Downtown Canal Fulton
- Dec 7 Winter Concert 7 pm
@Puffenberger Hall
- Jan 20 High School OMEA 8 am
Solo and Ensemble
@Massillon High School
- Feb 27 Pre-Contest Concert 7 pm
@Puffenberger Hall
- Mar 2&3 High School OMEATBA
District Large Group Contest
@Lake High School
- Apr 27 Kent State Univ. 7:30 pm
Symphony Band Partnership
Concert@Cartwright
Auditorium, KSU
- Apr 28 High School OMEATBA
State Large Group Contest
@North Canton High School



2017 BAND OFFICERS (l to r): Jed Stewart, Vice President; Micayla Smith, Secretary; Mahlee Evans, Treasurer; Cassie McKelroy, President.



A special thanks to the generosity of the Northwest Board of Education and the Band Boosters for providing the funds to purchase the much-needed new marching percussion equipment.



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Athletic News



VARSITY FOOTBALL Row 1: Hailey Stemple, Sarah Protzman, Abbey Guenther, Cailin Chumita, Olivia Harbaugh, Megan Badger, Emma Kurtz, Maci King, Ayla DeGuzis, Kendall Schenz, Emily Szekey, Madison Fightmaster, Hannah Huffman, Lauren Kujath, Hayley Woodrum, Kiersten Trompower, Chloe Barcheck, Zoey Walsh, Maddy Barabasch, Eileen Robinson, Kayla McKinney; Row 2: Jon Lewis, Breanna Snyder, L.J. Simcox, Roger Stewart, Eli Beers, Quinton Davis, Tyler Schilling, Cailiegh Bennett, Hunter Langenfeld, Ryan Hall; Row 3: Tyler Marecek, Spencer Fulton, Eric Landrum, Carter Morehart, Kirk Gillig, Nick Osborn, Tom Dolensky, Andrew Trewin, Dale Decker, Jake Harmon, R.J. Schott, Robert Walker; Row 4: Keely Fightmaster, Colton Weber, Tanner Jones, Collin Houser, Dyland Board, Bryon Normet, Christian Houlehan, Isaiah Grossnickle, Avery Barna, Ryan Davis, Luke Fennell, John Welsh, Cody Steiner; Row 5: Luke O'Brien, Jay Aaron, Jacobi Smith, Jaden Skelley, Caleb Malboeuf, Steven Wagster, Alex Glauthier, Austin Donaldson, Matt Swope, Zach Morton, Adam Wenhart, Dallas Crowder; Row 6: Remington McClung, Dean Hutzell, Sam Paydock, Josh Cook, Zach Gainer, Logan Wise, Anthony Grossnickle, Chase Price, Joe Power, Caleb Gramse-Halpin, Steve Sowards, Chase Tackett; Row 7: Duke Ramnytz, Tyler Coughlin, Mike Bechtel, Mike Juersivich, Mike Calcei, Joe Harbour, Bryan Jones, Shane Minné, Travis Stroh, and Todd Barkan.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL Front Row: Chase Price, Cody Steiner, Anthony Grossnickle, R.J. Schott, Logan Wise, Austin Donaldson, Matt Swope; Back Row: Coach Mike Juersivich, John Welsh, Joe Powers, Chase Tackett, Zach Gainer, Zach Morton, Jake Harmon, Adam Wenhart, and Coach Tyler Coughlin.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Front Row: Jamie Cunningham, Lexi Vylar, Jordan Miller; Middle Row: Morgan Lower, Rachael Ross, Anna Welsh; Back Row: Elora LaFay, Riley Cudnik, Payton Harris, and Joran Marecek.



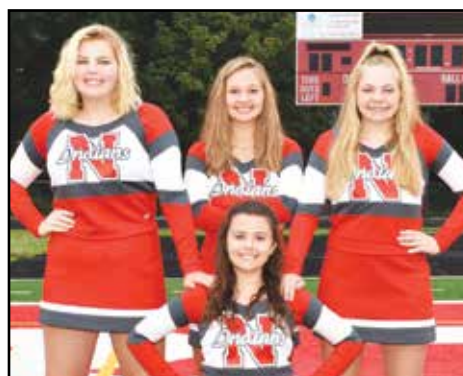
JV VOLLEYBALL Front Row: Ashton Nair, Kennedy Kraft, Lauren Springer; Middle Row: Molly Klein, Alyssa Wise, Emily Adkins, Kate Finefrock; Back Row: Gracen Connelly, Kamryn Culp, Chloe Sickman, Emily Stokes, and Emerson Connelly.



VARSITY CHEERLEADING Front Row: Emily Szekey, Lauren Kujath, Hannah Huffman; Middle Row: Kendal Schenz, Maddy Fightmaster; Back Row: Erin Walker, Ayla DeGuzis, Maddie Kurz, and Maci King.



JV CHEERLEADING Front Row: Meghan Badger, Emma Kurtz, Olivia Harbaugh; Middle Row: Maddy Barabasch, Hailey Stemple, Cailin Chumita; Back Row: Hayley Woodrum, Kiersten Trompower, Sarah Protzman, and Abbey Guenther.



FRESHMAN CHEERLEADING Front Row: Haley Mann, Abbey Guenther, Hailey Stemple; Back Row: Lindsay Fether, Hayley Woodrum, and Sarah Protzman.



Our student body supports our athletic programs like none other!



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Front Row: Luke Micklos, Spencer Fulton, Mason Goliath, Jack Null, Elijah Amiot; Back Row: Coach Brenda Lewis, Nathan Huscusson, Austin Kelleher, Darren Armstead, Nathan Bowman, Jack Shanor, Kyle Hoffman, Joshua Carpenter, and Coach Jeremy Falloway.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Front Row: Sarah Hughes, Kiaralee Zito, Heidi Smith, Riley Meredith, Ashley Owsiany, Cassie Stewart, Morgan Manns; Back Row: Coach Brenda Lewis, Erin Yoder, Taylor Badger, Katelyn Rusk, Sophie Wyles, Maria Proudfoot, Briana Falloway, and Coach Jeremy Falloway.



BOYS SOCCER Front Row: *Klaye Gauder, Cody Harris, Ryan Moellendick, Luke Micklos, Brady Schenz*; Middle Row: *Ian Donohue, Cameron Rhodes, Garrett Weaver, Nicholas Casto, Dillon Petty, Grant Baughman, Dion Morris-Evans, Andrew Hutzell, Ethan Lower, Mahlon Lorenz*; Back Row: *Coach Dakota Wamsley, Nate Swope, Aidan McCoy, Steve Szekely, Kenny Davis, Isaac Fowler, Jack Ungashick, Ian Yoder, Jared Hagen, Luke Kager, Nick Speight, Wesley Newbury, Mason McMullen, and Coach Dave Cooper*. Missing: *Nick Jubara and Dominic Metzger*.



GIRLS SOCCER Front Row: *Coach Megan Green, Rachel Finefrock, Macie Bell, Olivia Wyles, Erin Giroux, Jessica Hagen, Jennifer Wilson, Mackenzie Woodrum, Cora Jandecka, Natalie Bender, Heidi Smith, Coach Madison Ross*; Back Row: *Natalie Savage, Lillianne Cameron, Madison Hornsby, Jaycee Stark, Rebekah Knight, Emily Garside, Trinity Thouvenin, Madison Thouvenin, Macie Cargould, Abby Jubara, Grace Villers, Jaycie Rood, Ashley Owsiany, and Coach Scott Green*. Missing: *Lydia Hitchcock and Maycee McAleese*.



BOYS GOLF Seated: *Austin Koprivec*; Standing: *Andrew Dane, Drew Goddard, Haden Pullen, Joshua Woodward, Anthony Fetterman, Coach Ashley Winston, Scott Wormald, Jack Rood, Brock Berger, Justin Gunter, Nate Wise and Brady Schmeltzer*.



GIRLS GOLF Front Row: *Maria Dangelo, Carrie Wyman, Julie Ovendorf, Chloe Waggoner, Ashton Schwiger, Natalie Geiger, Jessica Cliff, Coach Kim Boggs, and Madi Kovachick*.

Playmakers Camp

On Monday September 11, the high school and middle school Intensive Needs programs participated in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Playmakers Camp. Students from all over the county come together with local football teams and players to learn a variety of drills that are used during practices. The students were able to practice throwing a football, kicking, running a ball for a touchdown, and avoiding a tackle among other drills. Local football players, including the captains of the Northwest Football team and our place



kicker, were at each drill station to help, encourage, and cheer with the students. Lunch was provided by Chik-fil-a and students were able to tour the Football Hall of Fame afterwards. This was the third year for the event and we look forward to many more!



Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations Deadline Approaching

Northwest High School is proud to honor former athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves in support of the Northwest Local School District athletic program. These alumni serve as role models to Northwest students due to their community contributions, professional accomplishments, education, leadership, or athletic endeavors beyond high school. If interested in this honor, please see the Guidelines and Selection Criteria and the HOF Nomination Form on the athletic page of the Northwest website. **The deadline to apply is OCTOBER 13.**

Attend Northwest Athletic Events and Save Money

Student pre-sale tickets are \$4.00 for all athletic home games. Tickets sold at the door are \$7.00 for all adults and students. Passes offering considerable savings are now available for purchase at the high school Athletic office. **Adult Punch Passes** (\$60.00) and **Student Punch Passes** (\$30.00) enable fans to attend 10 home sporting events throughout the school year. **Student Spirit Passes** (\$50.00) are also available for all Northwest students. Spirit Pass holders gain unlimited admittance to any Northwest home sporting event throughout the school year.



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Middle School News

School Store

Did you know we have a school store here at the Middle School? Every Wednesday morning from 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. your student can buy supplies like folders, notebook paper, pens, pencils, markers, and much more. As a special treat, the store will also be open on Friday mornings selling donuts.



#ACHero: Mega T

Patients from Akron Children's Hospital are real-life superheroes, overcoming obstacles with courage, strength, and hope. Hero "Mega T," otherwise known as **Ethan Herald** at Northwest Middle School, cheered on runners in the "Hero Zone" Akron Marathon Mile 9.5 on Saturday, September 23. Wearing custom-designed running shoes, Ethan proudly represented Akron Children's Hospital and Project Outrun. Ethan was also previously selected as a Youth Ambassador for the Tourette Association of America. He went to Capitol Hill and spoke to representatives about Tourette syndrome and tic disorders. Ethan's determination and enthusiasm make him a true inspiration to Northwest students.



Cancer Awareness Collection



In recognition of September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the Middle School collected items to be donated to the oncology unit at Akron Children's Hospital. They donated fun character band-aids, small toys and games, puzzles, coloring books and crayons, and nail polish. The students and staff hope that these small gifts bring a little bit of joy to a sick child. Staff and students in the building wore gold, the color of childhood cancer awareness, on Wednesday, September 13.



NEW: Ultimate Frisbee Club

The newly-founded Northwest Local Ultimate Frisbee Club (UFC) has officially started playing regularly on the practice soccer field in front of Northwest Middle School. The club is made up of sixth, seventh, and eighth-graders. The club meets right after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-4:00 p.m. and is run by Mr. Conner Busby. All middle school students, regardless of experience, are welcome to join in and play Ultimate Frisbee. See Mr. Busby (choir director) at the middle school for more information on how to join or pick-up a permission form from the front office.



At the Heart of Eighth-Grade Science

Mrs. Baiera's eighth-grade science students recently spent a class period dissecting pig hearts. The students found it very interesting and jumped right into the task.

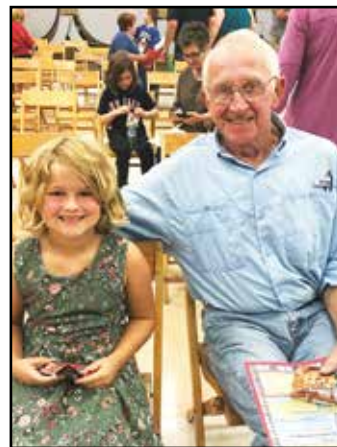


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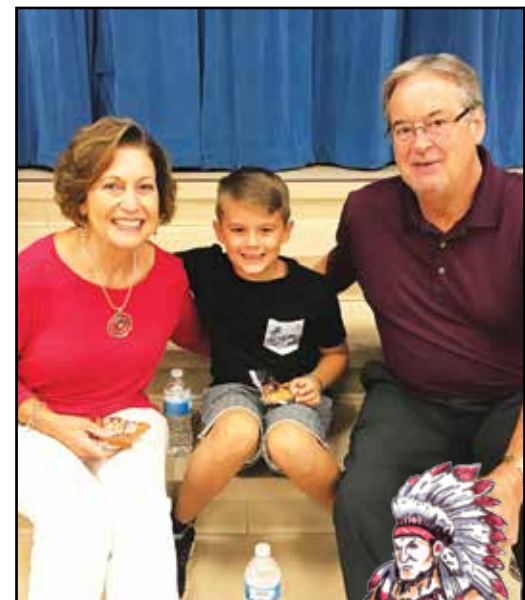
Grandparents Day

Stinson Elementary held its annual Grandparents Day on Friday, September 15. Students entertained their grandparents with songs and poems, and students and grandparents had an opportunity to have their photos taken.



Students Break the Ice!

The staff at Stinson Elementary believe that improving students' relationships with teachers will have important, positive, and long-lasting implications for both students' academic and social development. Therefore, the teachers spent a lot of time the first few weeks of school really getting to know their students through a variety of activities in the classroom and all around the school grounds. The goal was to help the children feel safe and welcomed in their new environment. These activities also fostered past and future friendships amongst the students. The students had a great time participating and getting to know their new teachers and classmates! Those students who have close, positive and supportive relationships with their teachers will attain higher levels of achievement and have a greater love of learning!



NORTHWEST NEWS

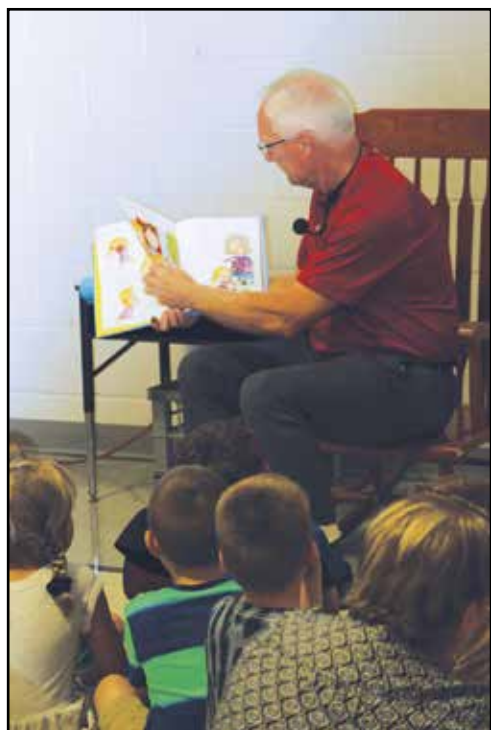
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Northwest Primary News

Honoring Grandparents and VIPs

Behind every successful student is a network of caring VIPs. These “Very Important People” are so valuable in our students’ lives, and that value also contributes to our schools. During the week of September 11, students at Northwest Primary showed their appreciation to their grandparents and their VIPs. Students and VIPs listened to stories, visited classrooms, completed scrapbook activities, and decorated donuts.

A huge thank you to our readers, Board member **Jim Gindlesberger** and treasurer **Dan Levensgood**. We would also like to thank **Todd Weber** of Lifetouch Photography, the **PTO** for cookies and drinks. The NWP staff for helping out, and **Franny Bruell** from Peace, Love, and Little Donuts.



Northwest Primary Reads!

The Northwest Primary Reading Club began September 18. Our theme this year is “*Pete the Cat*.” Our goals are to promote family reading time, encourage visits to the Canal Fulton Public Library and instill the love of reading. Students who meet monthly reading goals will receive reading charms and those who reach their year-end goal will receive the official reading club T-shirt (awarded for reading 2,400 minutes).

The entire school will be reading with the hope of reaching the goal of **1,400,000 minutes**. If the goal is reached, Mr. LaRicca will wear a “Pete the Cat” costume on the last day of school. Students can watch the progress of their classroom totals on the bulletin board by the library.

Behavior Counts Coupons

Staff members are encouraged to give students “Character is our Super Power” coupons for displaying outstanding acts of service. Miss Jennie will announce the coupon recipients over the P.A. Students will receive charms for outstanding character.

Veterans Day



Local Park Honors Veterans 24/7

The Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park honors Ohio's heroes from all branches of service, preserving Ohio's history for all generations so they may truly understand the cost of freedom. The 1.7-acre park, located at 8005 Cleveland Massillon Road, Clinton, features the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Family of Heroes Hall, POW/MIA Reflecting Pond and Eternal Flame, the Gold Star Mothers' and Fathers' statues, the Cobra Helicopter, the M60 Patton Tank, and personalized memorials for our heroes. This scenic and historic tribute is a source of pride and honor for our community, a beautiful visit day and night. It is open 24 hours a day 365 days a year to pay homage to our veterans. To view their website, visit www.ovmp.org.

Northwest Schools Honor Local Heroes

Veterans are invited to attend our local assemblies of appreciation:

11/9	Northwest Middle School	8:00 a.m.	Gymnasium: Band, Choir, Hot Breakfast
11/10	High School	10:00 a.m.	Puffenberger Hall: Band and Choirs perform
11/10	W.S. Stinson	1:00 p.m.	Fourth-grade students share a program with veterans in their families
11/10	Northwest Primary	10:00 a.m.	Veterans parade with their students through the hallways and join them for classroom refreshments and pictures



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 (offices located at the David Y)
 7389 Caritas Cir. NW, Massillon, OH 44646
 330.830.6275 ymcastark.org

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2017. 2018 BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

- Children grades K –5th enrolled in Northwest Schools
- NW Schools will transport Stinson students between buildings
- Program site: Northwest Primary School Library
- Hours: 6:45—8:30am; 3:15—6:30pm
- Care available only on scheduled school days
- **Fun Club** (Jackson Local School days off)
- For children grades K-5th enrolled in Before and After School Child Care
- Hours: 6:45am – 6:30pm
- Location: Paul & Carol David YMCA

For information on other Canal Fulton Programs including Adult Group Exercise and SilverSneakers® Exercise Classes
 Contact: Pam Leddon
 330.830.6275 or pleddon@ymcastark.org

Financial assistance available

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7TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 3:00 PM
NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
PUFFENBERGER HALL

Come join Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor,
 the Canal Fulton Community Concert Band,
 your neighbors and friends as we honor
 those who served and are serving our country.



NORTHWEST NEWS

Fiscally Responsible... Quality Academic Education

The Northwest High School Vocal Music Department
and
Massillon Central Presbyterian Church

Present

Virtuosity, Voices, and Visions

The Northwest High School Chorale, Varsity Choir,
and Central Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
will perform

Visions

a new composition for Chorus and Orchestra
by Steve Parsons

Accompanied by Professional Orchestra

Mr. Leigh Conti will perform piano and organ pieces of
Bach, Brahms, Chopin, and Guilman

Sunday, October 15th

3:30 pm

Central Presbyterian Church

47 2nd St. NE • Massillon, Ohio 44646

Upcoming Events

Northwest High School

10/4 Student Cardiac Screening
10/17 NW Choir @ Central Presbyterian Church
10/18 Blood Drive
10/20 Jostens – Grad & Ring orders taken
10/21 Band Show
10/31 Picture Re-take Day
11/10 Veterans Day Assembly..... 10:00 am
11/21 Student Vision/Hearing Screenings
11/29 NHS Induction
11/30 Parent/Teacher Conf. 2:30-7:30 pm
12/6 Choir Concert 7:00 pm
12/7 Band Concert..... 7:00 pm
12/14 Holiday School Assembly 10:00 am

Northwest Middle School

10/2-16 Sixth-Grade Camp Fundraiser
10/6 Picture Re-take Day
10/13 Halloween Dance
10/20 Fall Fundraiser Delivery
10/24 Fall Sports Banquet
10/24 7th Grade Band Performance at Chapel Hill Community
11/2-4 Eighth-Grade Washington DC Trip
11/9 Veterans Day assembly..... 8:00 am
12/4-8 Scholastic Book Fair
12/5 Middle School Band & String Concert
12/8 Holiday Dance

W.S. Stinson Elementary

10/24-25 Third-Grade State Reading Test
10/26 Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:45-7:45 pm
10/27 Fall Party Day
11/2 Fundraiser Pickup..... 5:00 pm
11/7-8 Book Fair
11/10 Veteran's Day Assembly..... 1:00 pm
11/15 Holiday Pie Pickup..... 5:00 pm
12/12 Stinson's Got Talent Perf..... 7:00 pm

Northwest Primary

10/5 1st grade to *Peter and the Wolf*
10/5 1st grade Dinner w/ Dad..... 6:00 pm
10/23 Picture Re-take Day
10/26 Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:45-7:45 pm
10/27 Fall Party Day**
11/3 Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:45-7:45 pm
11/10 Veterans Appreciation Day.... 10:00 am
12/4-8 Santa Workshop
12/7 Second-Grade Nutcracker
12/21 Christmas parties

****Fall Party Day-A MAXIMUM OF 7 VISITORS (besides room parents) will receive passes. The lists of names must be sent to the office before the party. Due to the carpet, food and beverages (excluding water) are not permitted in the classrooms. Treats can be bagged and sent home, or a portion of the party can take place in the cafeteria, as scheduling allows.**



Calendar

2017-2018 NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOLS

August 2017							November 2017							February 2018							May 2018						
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August

22 Teacher Day - No School
23 FIRST STUDENT DAY

September

1 Building In-Service
No School
4 Labor Day - No School

October

9 Waiver Day - No School
20 End of 9 weeks (41 days)

November

3 In-Service On Your Own - No School
22-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School
27 Teacher Exchange Day - No School

December

22-29 Christmas Break - No School

January

1-2 Christmas Break - No School
12 End of 9 weeks (48 days)
15 End of Semester (89 days)
Martin Luther King Day - No School

February

16 Waiver Day - No School
19 Presidents Day - No School

March

16 End of 9 weeks (43 days)
26-30 Spring Break - No School

April

2 Teacher Exchange Day - No School

May

28 Memorial Day - No School
31 LAST STUDENT DAY
End of 9 weeks (48 days)
End of Semester (91 days)

June

1 In-Service Day

First & Last Student Day

No School

No School - Teacher In-Service Day

No School - Teacher Exchange Day

No School - Waiver Day

Calamity Day Make-up Schedule
1st Day - June 1, 2018
Consecutive weekdays as needed.

Student Days - 180
Teacher Days - 184

